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Re: Playground Area, Ambler Asbestos Site

Dear Mr. Slap:

On July 15, 1985, and on behalf of Nicolet Inc., you contacted EPA about cutting the grass on the Nicolet Inc. property (more specifically, the area where the playground was formerly located, adjacent to the Locust Street Pile). At the time, EPA requested that no action be taken until EPA had had the opportunity to study the matter. EPA has since undertaken an investigation and is ready to give recommendations to Nicolet Inc.

After consulting with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), we recommend that in order to prevent the closed playground adjacent to the Nicolet Asbestos Site from becoming a public nuisance (because of the possible accumulation of wastes and the ensuing development of vermin) the vegetation should be properly tended to on a periodic basis. Trimming the grass should be conducted in a way so that dust generation from the soil is minimized. This can be accomplished by use of dust control techniques, for example cutting the grass only after the thorough application of water or a rainfall (at least 0.25 inches). If during the cutting operation, dust generation is evident the action should be stopped immediately and additional dust control measures implemented. We recommend that the operator wear a particle filter for protection during the cutting operation. It would probably be best if the grass were cut so that no less than 3 inches remains after cutting in order to reduce the possibility of dust generation. Please notify me or Lydia Isaacs (215/597-9951) at least 24 hours before you cut the grass.

If there are any questions please feel free to call 215/597-9562.

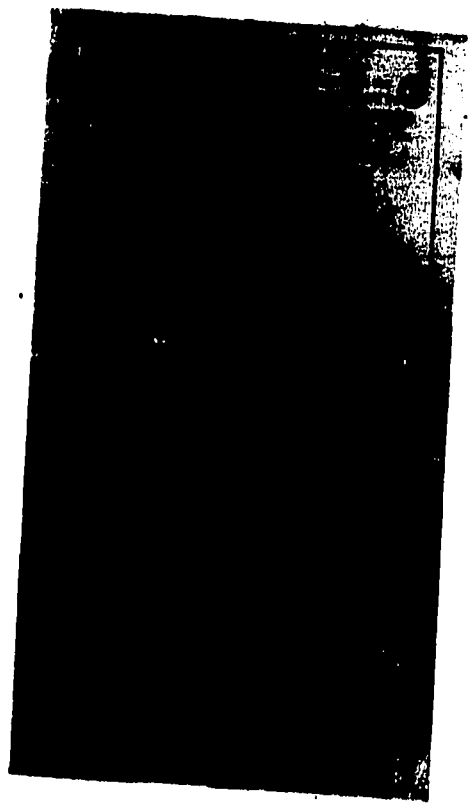
Sincerely,

Hector M. Abreu-Cintron
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cc: Bernard Bergman

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